

JSC and WSC: A Perfect Fit

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Johnson Space Center is home to some of the world's premiere space activities, including the International Space Station and Shuttle Space Transportation Programs. Additionally, JSC has become an international center of astronautics/cosmonautics, bioastronautics and 24-hour ground-space operations, with mission control centers linked to partner facilities around the globe.

Representatives from several countries have trained here and flown into space. Our catalogues of Earth photos trace changes to our planet over decades. Our technical and research projects bring together the best minds in the world in activities that benefit the economy and our lives.

Our labs host materials that help to inform humanity on its origins and destiny. And at the foremost, our efforts of the ISS program join a number of nations, including former adversaries, in an unprecedented research facility in space. We help to plan and shape the future of humans in space.

Houston, therefore, is the natural place to hold the World Space Congress, a decadal event that focuses on the world's activities in all facets of the space community. The World Space Congress provides JSC, and NASA overall, many opportunities to share our range of activities and programs with a large and diverse audience.

JSC will host a human spaceflight exhibit within the larger NASA exhibit, have a range of speakers and guests at the Congress and participate in a number of educational and public outreach initiatives. JSC will also host tours on site, as well as hundreds of additional visitors at Space Center Houston.

Additionally, JSC will act as a host to other NASA Centers and enterprises participating at the WSC. On behalf of the other Centers, JSC is coordinating many aspects of the NASA presence at this event, giving us a wonderful chance to show our leadership potential within the Agency. But also, the World Space Congress is a chance to unite the NASA Centers and to focus on achieving our common vision. Together, we will share our achievements and display to the world our collective mission to protect our planet, to explore the Universe and search for life, and to inspire the next generation of explorers.

The WSC offers all of us an opportunity to share our passion for our work and mission. It can also serve to help reinvigorate our community and ourselves in the march towards the stars.

Myriad areas exist for participation of JSC employees in the WSC. Please check the WSC Web site at <http://www.jsc.nasa.gov/wsc> to find out more about the Congress and how you can get involved. ❖

Center Director Message



World Space Congress 2002 is just around the corner, and we at Johnson Space Center have the opportunity to contribute to this monumental gathering. As a Supporting Sponsor, JSC is fully committed to the success and robustness

of this international space event.

More than 13,000 people from around the world are expected to meet in Houston as part of this October event to discuss the past, present and future of space. Only twice in 10 years has a space gathering of this magnitude occurred and, this time, it is here at home.

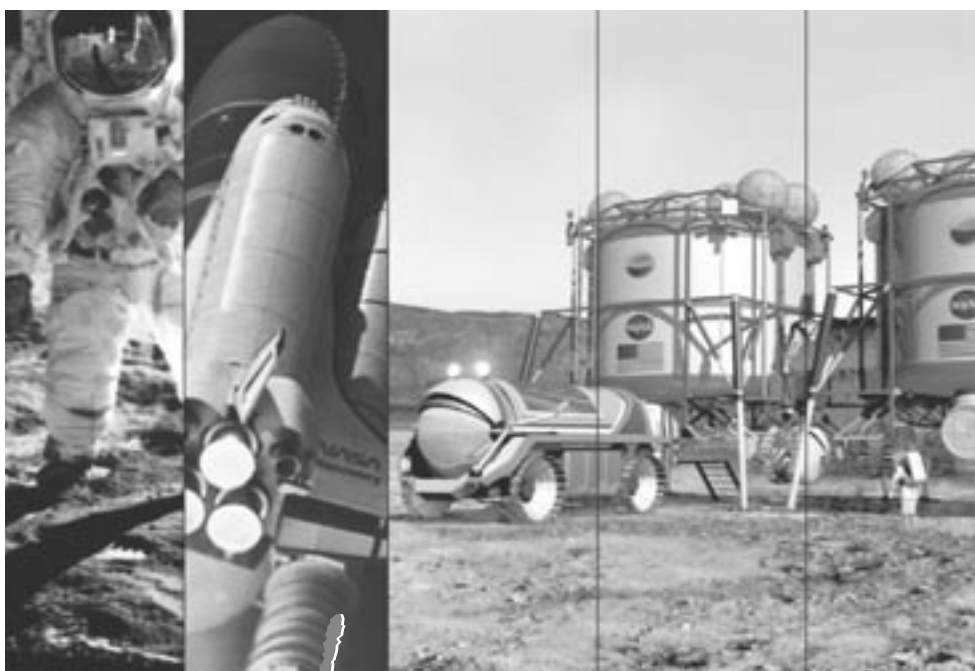
As the leader in human spaceflight, our Center's supporting sponsorship will provide opportunities to highlight the great work done here at JSC. More than 100 speakers and presenters will represent our Center during the many technical and plenary sessions at WSC. As part of our ongoing collaboration with other Centers, JSC will support 3,000 square feet of exhibit space in the "NASA Village," a large exhibit area representing all of NASA. Center representatives will also provide VIP tours, educational activities, broadcast support and Webcast support.

Countless events at World Space Congress provide an important opportunity for space industry discussion and growth. The issues explored will no doubt affect the future of JSC. This is truly our moment to shine.

Your opportunity to be a part of World Space Congress 2002 awaits you! Visit www.jsc.nasa.gov/wsc/ to learn more about this monumental event and what you can do to help it succeed.

It's great to be alive and in Houston!

FROM THE DESK OF LT. GEN. JEFFERSON D. HOWELL, JR.



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*To explore,
to understand,
to inspire,
as only NASA can.*